



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATIONS

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2004

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution approving submittal of projects under the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program for Fiscal Years 2005-2007 (Attachment 1)

BACKGROUND:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) issued a "Call for Projects" for the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program. The TEA program is a federal grant program, first authorized under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 and subsequently reauthorized under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998. The TEA program provides grants to local and state agencies within Orange County to be used for transportation related projects that enhance quality-of-life, in or around transportation facilities. OCTA is responsible for selecting regionally significant projects for Orange County and working with Caltrans in administration of these projects.

This "Call for Projects" is based on the assumption that the TEA-21 legislation will be reauthorized and will retain the same funding levels and structure as it has in previous years.

ANALYSIS

OCTA has designated two general program areas for funding allocation. Within the general program areas, the project should conform to specific categories. The program areas as specified by the program include:

A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

B. Landscaping and Scenic Beautification

A minimum local match of twenty-five (25) percent of the total project is required. The maximum grant funding provided to any project is \$500,000.

The complete and final submission of applications in response to this "Call for Projects" is due on September 15, 2004. Staff has prepared several project applications for competition in this program. The proposed projects are consistent with the City's Capital Improvement Program and General Plan goals and objectives. However, OCTA requires approval of the attached resolution prior to any funding consideration. Proposed projects for which funding applications are requested to be submitted are listed in the attached resolution and are briefly described below:

- **Newport Boulevard Streetscape Improvements(south of 19th Street):**

This project will provide new sidewalk, bus stop and accessibility improvements, new ornamental street lighting, and landscaping upgrades along Newport Boulevard between 17th Street and 19th Street.

Total project cost –\$700,000

Grant amount requested – \$500,000

City match – Approximately \$200,000

- **Gisler Avenue Bicycle Trail Landscape and Irrigation Improvements:**

This project provides landscape and irrigation improvements along the proposed bicycle trail on Gisler Avenue between Washington Avenue and the Santa Ana River. The landscape plan will include planting trees, shrubs and turf.

Total project cost – \$150,000

Grant amount requested - \$110,000

City match - \$40,000

- **Placentia Avenue Median Improvements (Wilson Street to South City Limits):**

This project provides landscaped median improvements on Placentia Avenue between Wilson Street and South City Limits.

Total project cost - \$600,000

Grant amount requested - \$450,000

City match - \$150,000

- **Newport Boulevard (southbound and northbound) Frontage Road Streetscape Improvements:**

This project provides for installation of upgraded landscape and streetscape improvements along Newport Boulevard (southbound and northbound) Frontage Road between Bristol Street and 19th Street.

Total project cost - \$675,000

Grant amount requested - \$500,000

City match - \$175,000

- **Joann Street Bicycle Trail Improvements:**

This project will provide for landscape, irrigation and fencing improvements along the Joann Street bicycle trail, between Harbor Boulevard and Placentia Avenue.

Total project cost - \$520,000

Grant amount requested - \$390,000

City match - \$130,000

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternatives considered include the option of not adopting the resolution. This would result in making the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

FISCAL REVIEW:

If project applications are approved for funding, staff will recommend a funding source for any required local match. Sources potentially include park development funds, current budget allocation for streetscape and median developments, street improvement funds, and Measure M GMA (Growth Management Area) funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The current “Call for Projects” is an opportunity for the City to compete for grant funding for implementation of significant streetscape and landscape improvement projects that are part of the City’s Seven Year Capital Improvement Program. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution for submittal of project applications to OCTA under the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program.

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